IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

GREGORY WILLIAM FANTER,

Petitioner,

4:22CV3067

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and STATE OF NEBRASKA,

Respondents.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This is a habeas corpus case. In the process of conducting a preliminary review of Petitioner Gregory William Fanter's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (filing 1) brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, I discovered that the Honorable James E. Doyle, IV was the state trial judge who presided over Mr. Fanter's criminal case. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455(a), my impartiality might reasonably be questioned because of my recent discussions with Judge Doyle regarding a significant matter unrelated to this case and my continued, close relationship with him.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the clerk's office shall randomly assign a new judge to this case and request a reassignment order from the Chief Judge.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

Richard G. Kopf

Senior United States District Judge